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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/630,766	<b>Applicant(s)</b> WIESNER, ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> George Nguyen	<b>Art Unit</b> 3723	

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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>July 31, 2003</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.  |

### **DETAILED ACTION**

Receipt is acknowledged of the IDS filed on July 31, 2003 which has been considered and placed of record in the file.

Claims 1-10 are presented for examination.

This application has been filed with formal drawings which are acceptable to the examiner.

### ***Priority***

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by German Patent Publication'10029138.

With reference to Figure 1, GPP'138 discloses the claimed invention including: a) a first transmitter and receiver means 5 disposed on the hand tool; b) a storage means 3 disposed on the hand tool for storage of an authorization code; c) a control electronics 2 on the hand tool 1 in electrical communication with said storage means and said first transmitter and receiver means; and d) a second transmitter and receiver means 7.

Please note that when key 8 of the second transmitter 7 is actuated, it produces

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wireless transmission to change the operation state of hand tool 1 from unlock to lock position.

Please further note that the examiner did not treat the "means" language as the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph means plus function. Furthermore, the alternative language "or" does not require the prior art to perform the change of the authorization code.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claim 10 is allowed.
5. Claims 2-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the specific limitation of "said first signals ... authorization code information" are not anticipated nor made obvious by the prior art of record in the examiner's opinion.

***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Bayley'6,409,064, Holcomb et al.'6,374,649 all disclose tool box with remote locking ability. Losey'6,677,851, Lee et al.'6,091,340, Bishop'6,644,888, and Weiss'6,130,621 all disclose method of enabling and disabling certain functions of an automobile. Dawson et al.'5,873,276 and Kokubu'5,801,614 all disclose key entry electronic combination lock.

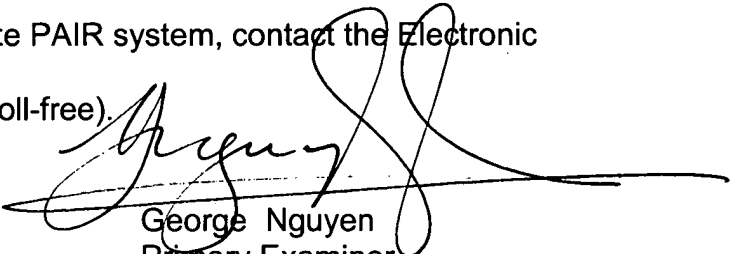
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-308-0163. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday/630AM-300PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 703-308-2687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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